

# PUBLIC LEDGER



SIXTH YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1897.

ONE CENT.



If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

Mr. William Durrett of Covington was visiting friends in the county this week.

Mrs. Sallie McEl. Humphreys was visiting her old home at Washington Monday.

Miss Hudson of Flemingsburg is the guest of Mrs. John R. Wells of Forest avenue.

Mrs. Rachel Hart of Flemingsburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Hunt of Washington.

Mrs. Amelia Bessel and daughters, Misses Regina and Edie, are visiting in Cincinnati.

Mr. B. C. Grigsby, one of Tollebores' enterprising merchants, was a caller on The Ledger this morning.

Mr. A. H. Hughes, who has been teaching school near Maysville, left yesterday for Ada, O., to attend the law school there.

Mr. James Thurman of Ohio, cousin of Mr. W. J. Thurman, formerly of Washington, has been visiting relatives in the county.

Mr. Will Payton of Lexington, O., and Mr. Rob. Sailer of Knoxville, Tenn., were calling on their friend, Miss Anne Dunn, Saturday and Sunday.

If you have an item of news, please call up THE LEDGER, Telephone 33, and send it in.

Mr. James N. Kehoe continues to improve.

The condition of Mr. J. M. C. Ballenger is not improved.

Edward Mason and Lettie Breckinridge, colored, married yesterday.

The new iron front for Major H. Picklin's business house has arrived.

Robert M. Willett is temporarily "on deck" at the bar of the New Central.

A party of sixteen from Hiett, Brown county, O., left yesterday for Paola, Kan.

Don't fail to place your "ad" in The Ledger if you want the most for your money.

A correspondent wants to know what has become of the Fountain project? Don't know.

A small building owned by Mr. W. W. Ball in Charleston Bottom was slightly damaged by fire Saturday.

The Assignee of Con. Guilfoyle has been instructed to sell the real estate assigned to him, including homestead.

Mr. John E. McLean of Germantown has been critically ill for some weeks, and there is little hope for his recovery.

A sale bill of the personality of James and Lydia McDaniel has been filed by A. K. Marshall, Assignee, and laid over for execution.

Mr. Joe B. Grigsby of Sardis left yesterday afternoon for Lodi, Texas, with the view of locating the oil of the surrounding lands up to expectations.

The stone wall built last summer at the foot of the Front street railway fill has been pushed out of all shape by the sliding earth. The entire job has gone to pieces.

Work will soon be commenced on two two-story brick residences for Mr. James Purnell and Mr. S. M. Crowell, to take the place of the building recently destroyed by fire.

Judge Chester E. Rees of Winchester died in Washington Saturday night. The remains were interred at Winchester yesterday afternoon. Deceased was a son of the late Winchester Rees, formerly of this city.

## THE MAYSVILLE BOY.

Mr. Thomas P. Wood to Graduate With First Honors at Louisville.

The Twenty-ninth Anniversary Exercises of the Louisville College of Pharmacy will take place tomorrow, and a Maysville boy again becomes prominent.

Mr. Thomas P. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. James Wood of this city, has been chosen Valedictorian and will graduate with first honors.

He has received a medal for the best general average in all studies, and a medal for the best average in Pharmacy. He also made the best average in Botany.

In Chemical Laboratory and Microscopy he made 99 points out of 100, and in Materia Medica 135 points out of 130.

With this College record, a most promising future is in store for Mr. Wood, and scores of friends here will learn with pleasure of his success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. James Wood left today for Louisville to be present at the exercises.

## MAYSVILLE WEATHER.

What We May Expect For the Next Twenty-four Hours.

THE LEDGER'S WEATHER SIGNALS.

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Shop for sale in any quantity at Limestone Distillery, beginning Feb. 8th.

Go to Henry W. Ray's for Pure Drugs and Sundries. Prescriptions a specialty.

Commencing Monday, March 15th, you can get a regular meal at Roper's New Era for 25 cents.

The Bracken Chronicle says Sheriff Hook has sent the leather straps which were used in fastening the hands and feet of the late Robert Laughlin to Sheriff Jule Plummer, to be used in the execution of Jackson and Walling.

Meals served at all hours at Roper's New Era.

Farmers and gardeners should inspect Landreth's Garden Seed at Chensworth's Drugstore before buying others. They are superior to any on the market.

The report reached here yesterday from an unknown source that about two miles below Vancosburg an unknown tumbler had run down an unknown family boat and drowned an unknown number of an unknown family. The particulars are also unknown.

A. O. E. W.

Regular meeting tonight at Hall on Sutton at 7:00. A full attendance is desired as business of importance will be transacted.

R. H. WALLACE, R.

Building Association Receipts.

The receipts of the several Building Associations of this city Saturday night were as follows:

Mason County.....\$ 487 75

Limestone.....486 80

People's.....344 40

Total.....\$ 1,322 75

All kinds of Fancy Mixed Drinks at Roper's New Era.

The hills East of Auerdeen have not yet slid into the river.

Old Limestone Bourbon and Rye always in stock at John Brink.

See my Sample Books Wallpaper—over 400 new styles—also shown in Alfred Peats's mammoth Chicago and New York stores. Paper Hanging and Painting done in best style. P. M. McCARTHY.

Some of the late transparencies of the late Free Silver party were on exhibition yesterday at the late Free Silver headquarters on Second street, and they were quite amusing to everybody—except the late Free Silver partisans.

Are you needing Table, Dessert or Tea Knives and Forks? If so, P. J. Murphy, the jeweler, is showing an elegant line of "Pearl" handles, "Sword" blades, and Rogers & Co.'s 1847 goods. We have low prices if you need the goods.

Miss Helen Marrs of Lexington, who was shot in the back of the neck by her father, who, in a fit of insanity, killed her little brother and himself, is not yet out of danger. The bullet has not been found although the wound is beginning to heal up.

Mr. Grant Purkiser of The Felicity Times will be an applicant for the Postmastership at that place under President McKinley's Administration. Mr. Purkiser is an accomplished newspaperman, and that of itself is a testimonial as to his fitness for the place and of his worthiness to fill it.

Miss Minnie Hanley, well-known in this city, is very low with consumption at the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hanley, near Maysville. She contracted a cold, which settled on her lungs, at the exercises held at the Catholic Cemetery at Washington November 1st. The family formerly lived here, and their many friends will be sorry to learn of their trouble.

## MORE LIGHT.

The City Will Soon Be Illuminated By Thirteen Additional Electric Lamps.

Councilman W. E. Stallcup, Chairman of the Committee on Gas, gives THE LEDGER some good news.

The poles are now here, and the work of putting up the additional electric lights will begin at once.

The new contract for public lighting is for five years, and it is the most favorable one that the city has ever had.

Are lights will replace a number of gaspoles, and those that remain have been reduced \$2 each in price—\$2 per year instead of \$24.

The arc lights are to burn all night, and of those now in use several are to be relocated.

The light at Hunter's Mill will be moved to the West end of the L. and N. Bridge; the one on Limestone Bridge will be moved to Bank and Second streets; the one at Forest avenue and Union street will be moved to Second and Lexington.

Thirteen new lights will be added, as follows: At Second and Schultz, Second and Short, Second and Wall, Second and Sutton, Second and Market, Second and Limestone, Second and Bridge, Second and Commerce, Second and Poplar, Third and Court, Third and Market, Third and Limestone, and third and Plum.

All these lamps are to be thirty feet from the ground, and the agreement is that they shall be ready for lighting on the 1st of April.

## CONVICT LABOR.

Should Not Be Employed in Competition With Honest Labor.

[In a recent number of The Courier-Journal Mr. Callahan protests against the present use of convict labor. His ideas are so thoroughly in accord with those of The Ledger that his communication is given in full.—EDITOR.]

Editor Courier-Journal: On every hand we hear the cry "convict work." Does it ever occur to you that the convicts are largely responsible for this state of affairs? I presume it is safe to say that in the United States there are today one hundred thousand convicts at work manufacturing articles which come in direct competition with free labor, and this too often at a loss, the state frequently not realizing cost of material. Suppose we cease such work in our penitentiaries and thus give employment to one hundred thousand idle men and give them a chance to feed 300,000 starving people who are dependent upon them for support. Now put this one hundred thousand at the low price of \$7.50 per week, which is certainly a low average, and you thus pay out at least in course of the year \$30,000,000, all of which will be spent for necessities of life for themselves and families.

Does this sum seem small to you? I assure you it will not seem small to the families of these men. Now suppose you continue the present plan, what will be the ultimate result? These idle men will be compelled to commit crime—steal or starve. Steal and they go to the penitentiary to swell the crowd of convicts to take the place of an extra workman on the outside. Those who are mathematically exact figure that it is only a question of a short time before all of us, for want of an occupation, must take our place inside the walls.

Now what is the benefit to the state by this competition with free labor? In the first place it doesn't bring any money into the treasury, but it does so demoralize prices that the honest manufacturer cannot compete because he has no means of figuring on their basis of price. One of our largest factories, with a trade extending into Australia, and that has capital, brains, management and a completely equipped large plant, has for several months been shut down, throwing a large number out of employment, and now buys all goods at the penitentiary. I doubt if under our laws we have the right to employ convicts at mercantile labor, but it is certainly more humane to the prisoners to allow them to work. They could, however, learn trades which would be useful to them after their discharge from prison, and these trades should be without the aid of machinery—old fashioned hand work, time being no object. They should be only employed to make such useful articles as are necessary to clothe and feed the inmates themselves, and not one dollar's worth of goods for sale. They could be used in farming, to raise the sustenance necessary for their own use; or in public works, making roads, improving water ways, canals, etc.

Several of the states have lately enacted laws preventing the use of convicts in manufacturing marketable goods—New York among the number.—and I understand that the machinery in use in New York Prisons is to be dumped into their penitentiary so that Kentucky can have her full share of convict competition; also that there is now being put on penitentiary machinery for a large shoe factory.

The Governor has just issued a call for a special session of our Legislature, and I feel sure that no more important measure can be brought before than a bill to abolish such work by convicts, and I trust that our humane Governor will see fit at once to add this business to the matters already in the call.

Now is the time to act, and something should be done at once. Congress also should take up this matter and enact a National law on the subject. We look to Congress to provide a means of defense against our foes, and this invidious foe has flanked us on all sides. The attention of our working classes, manufacturers, merchants, boards of trade and commerce and all people who desire the welfare of their fellows is called to this question. I trust the press will be open to a full and honest discussion of this subject, and I certainly think it of essential importance to warrant the calling of a manufacturing to discuss it.

C. H. CALLAHAN.

## More Talk

### About Time.

Some people are peculiar in the matter of buying a Watch. A silver Watch is good enough for one man so long as it keeps good time. Another one wants something a little more showy—a gold one,—but it, too, must keep good time. Some want a high-priced Watch, others a cheaper one, but after all everybody wants a correct timepiece. We selected our stock with time in view, and can sell you a high, low or medium-priced Watch—and any of them will keep time—the essential point.

We repair Watches so that we can guarantee them to keep time. Charges low.

BALLENGER, Jeweler

South Side Second Street.

## WHAT THEY SAY!

Remarks By Brother Editors on "The Ledger" Man's Anniversary.

Below will be found some additional kind notices of THE LEDGER'S Thirtieth Anniversary edition:

Courier-Journal, Democratic.

THE MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LEDGER'S Anniversary edition was an interesting paper and creditable to the enterprise of Editor Thomas A. Davis.

Owensville Outlook, Democratic.

Thomas A. Davis, Tuesday of last week, celebrated the Thirtieth Anniversary of the establishment by him of a Republican newspaper in Maysville by issuing a commemorative number of eight pages of THE MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LEDGER. Brother Davis is doubtless as easy and hopeful now as he was thirty years ago. He knows how to make a readable paper every issue.

Stirling Gazette, Republican.

Thirty years ago March 23 Hon. Thomas A. Davis of Maysville founded The Maysville Republican, and since that time he has continued to preach the doctrine of the Republicans party through one of the best papers in Kentucky.

He was a Republican when it required more to be one, and he has never faltered in his devotion to that cause. Although the cycle of Time has cut out 37 years of usefulness in this life, Mr. Davis is still the same loyal and true man that he was in the long ago. The best wishes of The Gazette go out to him, and we sincerely hope that we may find him thirty years hence at the helm of THE PUBLIC LEDGER, and that prosperity may forever fall to his lot.

Wasted, a young or middle aged man as partner in an established and rapidly growing stamp trade; big profits and quick returns guaranteed. Applicant must have from \$250 to \$1,000 cash to invest in the business, and will be amply secured against loss. Further particulars by addressing

T. L. GREEK, County Clerk,

St. Olney, Ky.

## Low Price

YOU WILL FIND PRICE AND QUALITY JUST RIGHT IN THESE.

### FOULARDS!

Fashion says they head the silk list. We have anticipated your demand for this cloth, dainty fabric by a careful choosing of designs and colors. We leave to you the verdict of our taste. Assortment—

Black and White,

Green and White,

Gobelin and White,

Two or more patterns of nearly every color.

Satin and dail finish, both. Price range 49c. to 69c.

### GRENADES!

Transparent materials over colored linings are a feature this season. A complete line Black Silk Grenadines, wide and narrow stripes, plaid, floral figures; handsome patterns in black and white; Wool Grenadines in all black; also stylish pattern with small yellow figure; a few colored Wool Grenadines. For a handsome gown nothing will be more approved than these materials. Price range, 75c. to \$1.50.

### TRIMMINGS!

Braids, 5c. to 50c. Clifton, plain and embroidered. Gulpure Lace, cream and black. Some handsome patterns of embroidered Batiste. Bolero and Belt Garnitures. No trouble to show goods.

Early morning shoppers secure best attention.

## D. HUNT & SON.







